



# CITY OF KENNER

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### PROJECT TO MAKE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ON WILLIAMS BOULEVARD HAS BEGUN

**Kenner, LA.** – Preparation work has begun on a \$352,000 construction contract to make pedestrian improvements along the east side of Williams Boulevard between Veterans Memorial Boulevard and 32<sup>nd</sup> St.

The work involves improvements to both the sidewalk and lighting in the area. The contractor is Magee Excavation and Development, LLC. The project is funded with money from state Safety Transfer Funds and the Federal Transit Administration and will include a pedestrian sidewalk and lighting under Interstate 10. Weather permitting, the work is expected to last about three months.

The construction project is the first of two phases to improve pedestrian access and safety on Williams Boulevard, according to consultant Sharon Leader. Design work has begun on the second phase, on the east side of Williams between Veterans Boulevard and West Napoleon Avenue.

Burk-Kleinpeter is working on the design. This phase of the project could go out for bids before the end of the year, Leader said. The second phase requires 20 percent funding from the city of Kenner. The FTA will pay for the rest of the project, Leader said. Phase 1 funding is at 100 percent from the state and the FTA.

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